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UPPER BOTTOM LEVEE PLANS TAKING SHAPE.

The meeting held at Wayne's corner in the upper bottom Saturday, to learn the sense of the land owners in that section in regard to a government levee was a very successful one, notwithstanding the fact that the weather was bad.

A number of interesting talks were made, and a vote taken by those present by which it was decided to go ahead with the plans to have a preliminary survey made. This vote stood 30 to 3—that is thirty of the land owners agreed to stand their share of the cost of making the survey, which is the first necessary step to get the matter before the government.

Another meeting is called for the same place on next Wednesday. Congressman Barkley will be asked to be present and make an address, and other speakers will lend their assistance also.

The matter of securing a government levee for the upper bottom will mean thousands of dollars coming to Hickman every year, and it should have the attention and encouragement of every Hickmanite.

UNDER THE ICE IN MONTH OF AUGUST.

V. P. Edwards is now walking on crutches as a result of a severe injury. While hauling a load of ice and when driving down the government levee to Bessie, he accidentally fell from the wagon and the entire load of 700 pounds of ice passed over him when one of the front wagon wheels crossed his right leg below the knee.—Lake Co. News.

It looks like a big circuit court docket for next term. Sheriffs Huddleston and Naylor made 25 arrests from the 7th of August, or an average of almost four per day. This reminds us that there is too much crime in the little county of Fulton. County Judge Stahr and Attorney Roney are anxious to break up lawlessness and convict criminals, but, as the former stated in a card in the Courier last week, unless the good people of the county co-operate with the court, convictions cannot be made. Too many witnesses get "cold feet" when they are put on the stand to testify against some law violator—fearing, possibly, some kind of comeback from the defendant. Jurymen are becoming lax, either by choice, negligence, business reasons or sympathy, resulting in a general exodus of criminals via the loop-hole "A reasonable doubt." While the court must give proper instructions, it is up to the jury to use horse sense in rendering a verdict. Unless caught red-handed, the defendant has all the advantages from a law point of view; hence, the jury should look through both ends of the telescope. If you are one of those who are bewailing a lack of law enforcement and are called upon occasionally for jury service—don't spend too much time picking the mote out of the eyes of the court and its officers; get the beam out of thine own. Courts are overworked, jails crowded and crime rampant and on the increase. Unless we do our duty as citizens, the situation will grow worse. During the past ten years, we have averaged ten homicides per year in Fulton county—and other crime in proportion. Where will it stop! When will we apply the brakes?

W. F. Montgomery writes from Colorado Springs, Colo: "Want to tell you we were up in the mountains yesterday and got caught in a terrible snow storm. Some scenery here. We are putting in every moment," etc.

Wm. R. Wright and Mary Cave both of Wolf Island, were married last week.

Mrs. Fannie Phipps was the guest of Miss Loretta Nix at Fulton, Friday.

Miss Leona Wright, of Morganfield, Ky., is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. M. Ross.

MORE OPEN COTTON ON H. C. HELM FARM.

The first open boll of field cotton for 1915 was left at this office Saturday. It was raised by Tom Macklin on H. C. Helm's bottom farm. The crop is some later this year than last. A year ago to this day, two bales were ginned in Hickman.

Mr. Helm's cotton was raised from Dodds' Early Prolific seed (short staple).

TRY WHITE RIVER TIMBER.

The Str. Mengel Box Co., in charge of Capt. L. McMakin, leaves this week for White river to bring a tow of gum logs to the Hickman factory. This is a 500 mile haul. Four barge loads—or a half million feet—will be brought up. Towing timber from White river is in the nature of an experiment.

An English prince has taken the bankrupt law in New York City, listing liabilities of over \$35,000 and assets of 28 cents. And yet every now and then somebody bobs up with the assertion that there are no real financiers among the royalty!

Frisky Hancock found a lot of strange tracks in the dust of the road one day this week, and was about to call the Deputy Constable, when he learned that they were made by Yam Sims while trying to learn to ride a bicycle.

FOR SALE: One work mare, 4 years old, one mare, one Jersey cow and 3 hogs. Enquire of J. E. Swift.

A BIT OF PHILOSOPHY
FROM
ALMOST BEYOND ENDURANCE
BY
JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY
I ain't a-goin' to cry no more, no more!
I'm got ear-ache, an' Ma can't make
It quit a-tall;
An' Carlo bite my rubber-ball
An' puncture it; an' Sis she take
An' poke my knife down through the stable-floor
An' loosed it—blame it all!
But I ain't goin' to cry no more, no more!
Qo! I'm so wickud!—An' my breath's so hot
Ist like I run an' don't res' none
But ist run on when I ought to not;
Yes, an' my chin
An' lips's all warpy, an' teeth's so fast,
An' 'sa place in my throat I can't swaller past—
An' they all hurt sot—
An' oh, my—oh!
I'm a—startin' ag in—
I'm a—startin' ag in, but I won't fer shore!
Ist ain't goin' to cry no more, no more!

HOME OF JOE NOONON DESTROYED BY FIRE.

The residence of Joe Noonon in Highland addition was burned about 2 o'clock this morning. The house was a four-story frame cottage and was new, having been built this year. Being outside the corporation, it could not be reached by the fire department. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The house and most of the contents and a new barn were burned. A player-piano was among the articles lost.

There was \$600 insurance on the residence and \$150 on the barn. The total insurance was about \$1200.—Saturday's Fulton Leader.

JUDGE BUNK GARDNER GAVE "RED" HIS CAR.

Saturday night when Judge Bunk Gardner ascertained that he had won in his race for circuit judge he rendered a service to "Red" Griffin, who was the Judge's chauffeur throughout the campaign. The car that had been used was presented to Griffin as a memento of the hard fought battle and also as a token of appreciation on the part of Judge Gardner for the faithful service of the recipient. During the campaign the car had traveled over forty thousand miles of roads in the district.

FAILED TO WORK ROAD. FISCAL COURT INDICTED.

Indictments against the members of the Bullitt county fiscal court and the county road engineer were returned by the grand jury last week on the charge of neglect of duty through failure to keep the public roads in good condition. No arrests have been made yet.

The action of the grand jury followed more than a year of disagreement between the county officials and the citizens as to the method of providing for the upkeep of the county highways.

THREE OUT OF FIVE CARRIED BY ADAMS.

For Commonwealth's Attorney Ben S. Adams carried three out of five counties in the district, his plurality being 450. The counties he carried are Carlisle, Hickman and Fulton. He ran a close second in Graves county. Mr. Adams has been unusually successful as a campaigner and has never yet lost a race. He is now serving his second term as county attorney of Carlisle county and will take charge of the duties of his new office next January.

SWALLOWS POISON AND DIES IN FEW HOURS.

Gladys Evans, 18 years old, committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid at her home in Columbus Friday. She drank the acid about noon and died about 3 p. m. She was operator in the Cumberland Telephone office at Columbus.

The 45th annual report of the Fire Insurance Department on the fire insurance business of the State was issued yesterday, showing that premiums paid in the State in 1914 amounted to \$5,956,768.71 and losses paid amounted to \$3,513,116.89, as compared to \$5,712,280.70 premiums in 1913, and \$3,368,509.09 losses for the same year. And, still we are told the insurance companies of Kentucky are losing money.

N. C. & St. L. trains have been running late again on account of trouble at the Johnsonville bridge. Three weeks ago a span of the draw-bridge was knocked down and a temporary bridge was constructed. The temporary one begun giving trouble last week by sinking or sagging.

John Wright, wife and daughter, Cecil, and Mitchell Wright and wife motored to Trimble Sunday and spent the day.

John Hunziker left Monday night to join the orchestra of Price's Water Queen, at Constance, Ky.

FACTORY SHUTS DOWN FOR OVERHAULING.

The big lower mill of the Mengel Box Co. shut down Friday to undergo an annual overhauling and to make needed repairs. Among other items, a new floor will be laid throughout the entire building, this work being in charge of B. Moore.

It will require about two weeks time to make the overhauling contemplated. The company planned to do this work in the early summer, but rush orders kept pouring in and prevented the carrying out of former plans. Even in this instance, orders had to be turned down.

While a big force of men are out of their regular positions for the time being, many of them will find employment in the overhauling job.

LOGAN ONLY CANDIDATE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL.

It seems that there are a great many citizens of Hickman who do not understand why there was no nomination for Attorney General in the primary. The primary election law says that where but one petition is filed in any office, the petitioner shall be issued a certificate of nomination and that ends it. In the case of Attorney General, there was only one petition filed and a certificate of nomination was issued to the petitioner, M. M. Logan.

PADUCAH NEXT MEETING PLACE FOR STATE ELKS.

Paducah was selected as the next meeting place of the Kentucky State Association of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at the concluding meeting of the 1915 convention of the association at Owensboro, Wednesday. At the morning session J. L. Lacasser, of Covington, Ky., was elected president; Dan H. Russell, of Louisville, Ky., vice president and Fred O. Neutzel, of Louisville, secretary.

EAST PRAIRIE WILL HAVE ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

A force of men employed by the Missouri Public Utility Company, at Charleston, began work Monday on a transmission line to East Prairie, and the work will be pushed to a rapid completion. Poles are being set this week, and it is thought to be only a matter of few weeks until the neighboring city will be supplied with electric current from the Charleston plant.

KENTUCKY'S SHARE OF MILITIA FUND.

Under a plan for proportioning \$4,000,000 to organize the militia of the country, the War Department apportioned to Kentucky for arms, equipments and camp purposes \$34,992.16; for promoting rifle practice, \$11,664.05, for small arms ammunition, \$9,218.04; for supplies, \$23,154.75.

BESSIE COUPLE WED. ADAMS-WILLIAMS.

B. W. Adams, one of the leading merchants of Bessie, and Miss Velma Williams a popular young lady of the same neighborhood, surprised their many friends when they were united in marriage Sunday morning by the Rev. Bagby, at Tiptonville.

Judge Walter Evans, of Louisville, judge of the federal court, will be married August 26th in Worcester, Mass., to Miss Louise Wood. Judge Evans has been on the federal bench since 1899. He is 72 years of age and was born near Hopkinsville.

Will Kerlin and wife, of Memphis, are guests of the former's father, O. B. Kerlin. Mr. Kerlin is with the Fly-Hobson Grocery Co., better known as the Bowers' stores.

Mrs. R. A. Harper returned to her home in Union City Sunday after a visit to her daughter, Mrs. B. G. Hale Sr.

Let's quit talking election and war and talk business.

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Trimmings, Novelties

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Neckwear, Footwear

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"A SAFE PLACE TO TRADE."

Mrs. E. J. Stahr, Mrs. Tom Powell, Mrs. Mary Ligon, Sheriff and Mrs. Bailey Huddleston motored to Fulton Friday.

Mrs. J. W. Coggins and children, of Lewisburg, Tenn., are visiting her mother, Mrs. Sallie Williams, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Wilson and F. T. Randle motored over to Fulton Friday evening to meet the latter's wife, Mrs. Randle, who was returning with Mrs. Horace Luten from Memphis.

B. G. Hale, Sr., is erecting a new residence on Troy avenue.

Miss Evangeline Glover entertained Monday evening for her guest, Miss Annie Lee Brown, of Hickman.—Union City News-Banner.

Mrs. Maude Byrn and Master Paul Byrn, of Wingo, visited Hickman friends last week.